

California CASA Programs

2003 Quick Stats



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Report Summary

A recent report by the California Administrative Office of the Courts, "California CASA Programs 2003 Report", describes program data collected in the 2003 Annual Local Program Survey administered by the National CASA Association (NCASAA). These quick stats present data highlights from the report.

Each year NCASAA collects annual data from CASA programs nationwide. The calendar year 2003 data was collected in January 2004. Thirty-seven of California's 40 CASA programs responded to the survey; the data shown below represents these 37 programs.

Data Highlights

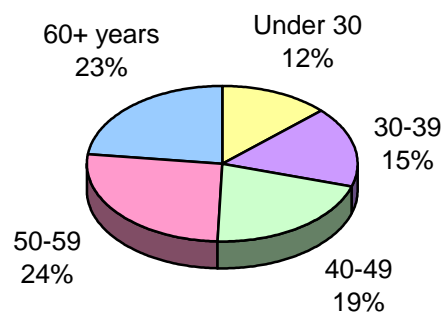
In 2003, California CASA programs served approximately 8,968 children¹: 4705 CASA volunteers donated 680,306 hours² to advocate for 8,614 of those children and program staff served 354 children.

Demographics

Percentage of volunteers and children by sex in 2003

Sex	Volunteers	Children
Female	82%	50%
Male	18%	50%

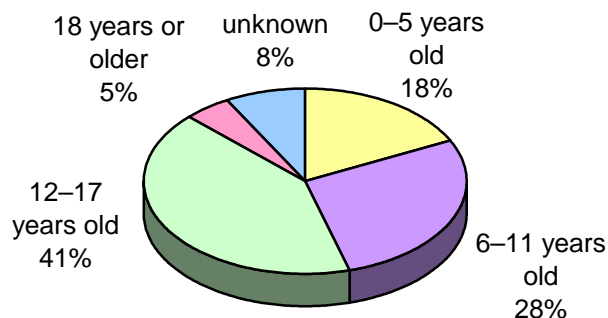
Ages of Volunteers (n=4705)



¹ Three of the responding 37 programs overreported the number of children served due to data collection difficulties; the number of children overreported may have been as high 500. More reliable statistics were not available at the time of this report. Efforts are currently underway to improve the accuracy of data collected in the future.

² Number of volunteer hours should be viewed cautiously since there has been no standardized method thus far for collecting volunteer hours data in California.

Ages of Children Served (n=8968)



Percentage of all program staff, volunteers, and children served in each racial/ethnic group for 2003

Race/ethnicity	Percent in each racial/ethnic group		
	Staff	Volunteers	Children Served
African American	7%	5%	18%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4%	3%	1%
Caucasian	68%	67%	32%
Latino	16%	8%	26%
Native American	2%	2%	2%
Bi-racial	1%	1%	5%
Other	1%	2%	2%
Unknown	–	13%	14%
Statewide Totals	275	4,705	8,968

Methodology

These Quick Stats summarize data collected by 37 of California's 40 CASA programs as part of National CASA Association's 2003 Annual Survey.

The data in this summary may vary from the data submitted to National CASA; the Judicial Council followed up with counties who submitted erroneous data, or no data, and worked with those counties to make necessary revisions.

Medians are used in this report to reflect most of the data submitted. Medians represent the midpoint in values. Using medians in place of averages eliminates the skewing of data by a small number of programs that might be significantly different from the others.

A detailed methodology can be found in the full report.

This report "California CASA Programs 2003 Report" is available on the CFCC website.
www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/cfcc/pdffiles/

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